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(c) who were the persons responsible for this accident; and what action Government have taken in the matter; and

(d) whether the Government will be pleased to lay the whole file on the table?

A.—(a) An accident occurred at the place referred to, on the 12th November 1922.

(b) The accident was due to a breach in the line caused by the bursting of tanks situated near the Railway. Four passengers and two firemen were killed and three passengers injured. A list of damage to permanent way, stock, etc., is annexed.*

(c) The accident was due to causes beyond control, namely, to a flood caused by the bursting of tank bunds. The enquiries made did not show that a charge of omission or neglect lay against any member of the Railway staff and no further action was called for.

(d) There is no other information which can be placed on the table.

Irrigation facilities from Kottapalli channel, Cuddapah district.

682 Q.—Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU: Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(1) whether any estimate has been prepared for the repair or diversion of the Kottapalli channel, irrigating lands in the villages of Moadamidipalli and Kottapalli near Proddatur town, Proddatur taluk;

(2) whether the Collector demanded half the cost of the estimate to be borne by the ryots;

(3) whether the spring head of this channel is completely silted up;

(4) what is the extent of land irrigated by this channel and whether it is classed as dry or wet;

(5) whether any of the lands are now cultivated with wet crops; and

(6) whether the Government are collecting or attempting to collect wet assessment for dry crops?

A.—(1) to (5) The Government have no information.

(6) When dry crops are raised on wet lands the usual wet assessment is levied except in cases where the remission rules apply.

Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU:—"With reference to answer to paragraphs (1) to (5), will the Government be pleased to call for the information as it affects a large number of ryots?"

The hon. Sir K. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—"Yes."

Irrigation facilities of the Pallavanar river, Tanjore.

683 Q.—Mr. V. P. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI: Will the hon. the Law Member and the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(i) whether it is a fact that Pallavanar as stated in the present Tanjore resettlement scheme report, pages 41 and 42, was classified as a second-class

* Vide Appendix B on page 1289 infra.